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Letter dated 8 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the killing of civilians in Burundi issued on 3 September 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 117 (c) of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement on the killing of civilians in Burundi issued on 3 September 1999 by the Presidency of the European Union

The European Union condemns the killings on 28 August of civilians by rebels in Bujumbura. The European Union urges all parties to refrain from any violence and to fully respect human rights. The European Union calls upon all Burundians to preserve the ongoing process of national reconciliation, and in particular the Arusha negotiations, which are entering into a critical phase. The European Union stresses to all Burundians that peace and stability can be achieved only through a negotiated political settlement and encourages all Burundians to support these negotiations.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus and Malta, and the countries of the European Free Trade Association members of the European Economic Area align themselves with the present statement.